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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 5, 2002 (Paper No. 9), for which the period of response extends through March 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: